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1. NARASIMHAN IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH US YESTERDAY (REFTTEL) FOUND A DEGREE OF REASSURANCE IN THE LOW KEY APPROACH THE SOVIETS APPEARED TO BE TAKING TOWARD THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE AND ITS POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE ISSUES. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION POLCOUNS HAD WITH SOVIET COUNSELLOR KELINE WAS LESS REASSURING ON THIS SCORE, HOWEVER. KELINE MADE A POINT OF REMARKING THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO LET IT PASS WITHOUT COMMENT THAT THE US WAS ABSENT FROM THE CONFERENCE.
 2. FOREGOING REINFORCES THE IMPORTANCE WE SEE IN HAVING A HIGH LEVEL US STATEMENT SETTING STRAIGHT THE US COMMITMENT TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE. THE FURTHER PURPOSE, OF COURSE, (WHICH SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE DRAFTING OF SUCH A STATEMENT)
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WOULD BE TO MAKE IT POINTEDLY CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT US MOTIVATIONS WHICH ARE SUSPECT, BUT RATHER THOSE OF STATES PREPARED TO DIVERT THESE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE'S INTO THE SERVICE OF ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. SORENSON

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